

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A method for providing goods or services to a subscriber of a communications network, the method including the steps of:
 - (a) verifying a calling party number;
 - (b) verifying the identity of the subscriber associated with the calling party number;
 - (c) verifying the age of the subscriber; and,
 - (d) providing the subscriber with a subscriber identifier to enable access to the goods or services.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the subscriber identifier in step (d) is a Personal Identification Number or PIN.
3. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~either one of claims 1 or 2~~ **claim 1**, wherein step (a) includes:
 - receiving a manually generated number from the calling party;
 - receiving an automatically transmitted calling party number; and,
 - matching the manually generated number and the automatically transmitted calling party number.
4. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, **claim 1**, **wherein** step (b) includes:
 - receiving manually generated data from the calling party;
 - accessing subscriber identity data from a subscriber database of calling party numbers and associated subscriber entities; and,
 - matching the subscriber identity data with the manually generated data.
5. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ **claim 4**, wherein the database is a telephone directory.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 5, wherein the database is accessible locally or remotely.
7. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein step (c) includes:
 - receiving manually generated age verification data from the calling party;
 - accessing subscriber age verification data from a database; and,
 - matching the subscriber age verification data with the manually generated age verification data.
8. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~ claim 7, wherein the subscriber age verification data stored in the database includes credit card details and/or drivers ~~license~~ license numbers.
9. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the goods or services are accessed or provided via a fixed or mobile telephony network.
10. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~anyone of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein the goods or services are accessed or provided via the Internet.
11. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the goods or services are a restricted communications service.
12. (Original) A system for providing goods or services to a subscriber of a communications network, the system including:
 - number verification means for verifying a calling party number;
 - identity verifying means for verifying the identity of the subscriber associated with the calling party number;
 - age verifying means verifying the age of the subscriber; and,

subscriber identifier notification means for providing the subscriber with a subscriber identifier to enable access to the goods or services.

13. (Original) A system according to claim 12, wherein the subscriber identifier is a Personal Identification Number or PIN.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~either one of claims 12 or 13~~ claim 12, wherein the number verification means acts to

- receive a manually generated number from the calling party;
- receive an automatically transmitted calling party number; and,
- match the manually generated number and the automatically transmitted calling party number.

15. (Currently Amended) A system according to ~~any one of the claims 12 to 14~~ claim 12, wherein the identity verifying means acts to:

- receive manually generated data from the calling party;
- access subscriber identity data from a subscriber database of calling party numbers and associated subscriber entities; and,
- match the subscriber identity data with the manually generated data.

16. (Currently Amended) A system according to ~~anyone of claims 12 to 15~~ claim 15, wherein the database is a telephone directory.

17. (Original) A system according to claim 16, wherein the database is accessible locally or remotely.

18. (Currently Amended) A system according to ~~anyone of claims 12 to 17~~ claim 12, wherein the age verifying means acts to:

- receive manually generated age verification data from the calling party;
- access subscriber age verification data from a database; and,

match the subscriber age verification data with the manually generated age verification data.

19. (Currently Amended) A system according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 18~~ claim 18, wherein the subscriber age verification data stored in the database includes credit card details and/or drivers ~~license~~ license numbers.

20. (Currently Amended) A system according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 19~~ claim 12, wherein the goods or services are accessed or provided via a fixed or mobile telephony network.

21. (Currently Amended) A system according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 19~~ claim 12, wherein the goods or services are accessed or provided via the Internet.

22. (Currently Amended) A system according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 21~~ claim 12, wherein the goods or services are a restricted communications service.